

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1899.

R. J. Thompson,
Sec'y. Lafayette Memorial Commission,
Chicago, Illinois.

It is proposed to make the inscription on the side of the coin which bears the design of the monument, read as follows:

"Erected by the Youth of the United States in honor of Lafayette
1900." This is the only date that will appear on the coin.

figures which usually stand for the year of coinage upon the
reverse side may be omitted entirely; the words "Lafayette Dollar"
appear underneath the heads. This I believe will meet your
wishes.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.